

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:) Confirmation No.: 9753
Kenji ITOH et al.) Group Art Unit: 1762
Serial No. 09/412,510) Examiner: Marianne L Padgett
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For: PROCESS FOR TREATING A SUBSTRATE WITH A PLASMA) Date: September 22, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In further response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2006, and in supplement to the Amendment submitted on August 30, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Application No. 09/438,581, filed on November 12, 1999. It is respectfully submitted that the present submission obviates the provisional rejection of claims 42 and 87-106 based on nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, as set forth on page 9 of the May 30, 2006, Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that this application now is in condition for allowance. Prompt notification of the same is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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